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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 10, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.